

## THE LAND OF THE SKY.

(Written at Asheville, N. C.)

I  
Mountains that climb to the blue bead on  
Lanes where the stars see themselves in the  
sky;  
Vast valleys of beauty and love,  
Where earth seems so close to the heavens  
above  
You can hear the faint echoes of seraphim—  
And the musical beat  
Of the hearts of the angels—the songs they  
repeat  
In their cadences sweet!

II.  
A wild world of mountains that drift into  
dreams;  
The ripple of hills and the dashing of streams  
That sing to the sea! And the beams and the  
glance  
That lure you to gardens of beautiful dreams!  
Of beautiful dreams that have lifted your  
soul  
To the wonder's high roll!  
Where you slip from life's care, and its cure  
and control,  
With the joy in your soul.

III.  
God crowned with old glory these moun-  
tains—He planted  
The sky-reaching hills in these valleys en-  
closed;  
Three streams in the hollows by mystery  
haunted—  
Thou shalt still wear their green ban-  
ners undimmed,  
And dare the storm's thunder! . . . and  
passage of praise  
Mountains—vipers, still raise  
To the heaven above them, while rose-accen-  
ted ways  
Wreath the beautiful days!

IV.  
O, land of all beauty—loved Land of the  
sky,  
Where love breathes "Good morning," and  
where "goodby" is  
Whispered on each wild wind in melody  
true  
And times the bright steps of the gods of the  
glories  
The road of the morning is white on thy  
breast:  
Thou art crowned—thou art blest  
From the sea to the east and the sea to the  
west  
With the rose-wreath of rest!

F. L. S.

Battery Park, Asheville, N. C.

—Atlanta Constitution, Sept. 22, 1900

For Bryan and Stevenson.

The National Democratic Committee is  
sorely in want of funds to prosecute the cam-  
paign, and a call has been made by Col.  
W. J. Jones, State Chairman, for contribu-  
tions from South Carolina. Thus far the  
sum of \$300 has been given by Sumter  
County. Of this amount \$20 was donated  
by the County Democratic Executive Com-  
mittee out of funds on hand, and \$6.25 by  
the Wedgfield Democratic Club through the  
secretary, Mr. Eugene B. Aycock. This lat-  
ter contribution is an average of 10 cents to  
each member of that club, and sets an ex-  
ample worthy of imitation by every other  
Democratic club in the county. Will not the  
members and secretaries of the various clubs  
and members of the County Democratic Ex-  
ecutive Committee, bear themselves at once,  
and see that a contribution is sent?  
Some one must take the initiative, or it  
will not be done. Sumter County should  
raise a handsome amount and sustain her  
reputation for liberality. Let whatever is done  
be done quickly. "He gives twice, who  
gives quickly."

Any amount sent to the county chairman  
will be forwarded immediately, and any in-  
dividual subscription to the fund will be glad-  
ly received. A list will be kept at the store  
of Knight Bros for this purpose.  
Every Democrat is urged to do something to  
aid to the election of Bryan and Stevenson.  
John M. Knight,  
County Chairman.

## Annual Ball of the Sumter Club.

The annual or opening ball of the Sumter  
Club will take place this year, the evening of  
Thursday November 15. This dance has  
grown to be the most important and "well-  
come" event of the year, and is always looked  
forward to with much pleasure by the mem-  
bers of the club. Those in charge hope to  
make the coming occasion surpass all previous  
ones in the way of success.

The following committees have been  
named:  
Arrangement—J. G. DeLoe, Chairman,  
H. A. Howe and W. B. Alford.

Invitation—S. J. Rytteberg, Chairman, T.  
P. Lyman and G. B. Yeadon.

Door—H. M. Sanders, Chairman, O. E.  
Hart, G. W. Robinson.

Refreshments—Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Baker, Mr.  
and Mrs. A. M. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Grover,  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harby, Mr. and Mrs. I.  
O. Brasse, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Moise, Mr. and  
Mrs. R. D. Lee.

The following are asked to chaperone the  
ladies:  
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bowman, E. A. Bal-  
main, F. A. Ballman, R. L. Edmunds, G. F.  
Epperson, J. M. Knight, J. F. Langhry, R. D.  
Lee, Ford Levi, Mitch Levi, Louis Levi, J. H.  
Lay, Louis Lyons, R. I. Manning, O. F. Mc-  
Padden, E. H. Moore, H. O. Moore, Neill O'Donnell,  
H. G. Oates, A. O. Phelps and Mrs. Felix  
Moore.

According to the constitution of the club  
no male resident of Sumter, not a member,  
will be admitted.

Stomach's Iron Nerve.  
Was the result of his splendid health. In-  
doubtable will and tremendous energy are  
not found where Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and  
Bovels are out of order. If you want these  
qualities and the success they bring, see Dr.  
King's New Life Pills. They develop every  
power of brain and body. Only 25c at J. F.  
W. DeLoe's Drug Store.

## A Negro Shot.

Gambling negroes and the handy pistol  
seem to go together, and every few days some  
negro gets shot while playing skis or craps.  
Single Lee was the most recent victim.  
He was shot Monday afternoon while gam-  
bling with a crowd of negroes in a house  
near the depot. He is said to have been shot  
by Louis Brown, who has since disappeared  
from town. The other negroes present at the  
time are known to the police, but no arrests  
have been made. Lee was shot through the  
abdomen, the ball passing through the  
verruform appendix, the seat of appendicitis,  
and if he recovers he will not be likely  
to fall a victim to that fashionable disease,  
for the appendix was removed when the ball  
was extracted. His condition is critical, but  
he has a chance of recovering.

## Venereal Eruptions.

Are grand, but skin eruptions rob life of  
joy. Bucken's Arsenic Salve cures them; also  
Old Running and Fever Sores, Ulcers, Sores,  
Felonies, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns,  
Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chills, Blisters. Best Pile  
Cure on earth. Drives out Pains and Aches.  
Only 25c a box. One guaranteed. Sold  
at J. F. W. DeLoe's, druggist.

## COUNCIL MEETING.

The City Council met in regular session at  
7 o'clock last Wednesday night, with Mayor  
Stuckey and Aldermen Boyle, Chandler, W.  
H. Epperson, Finn, Hurst and Purdy, pres-  
ent; Rowland and G. F. Epperson, absent.

The minutes of Sept. 26th, October 4th  
and 8th were read and confirmed.  
Rev. O. C. Brown was before Council to  
answer to a charge preferred by Health Of-  
ficer Reardon for discharging kitchen slop  
and bath water from his residence into the  
drain on Canal Street, in violation of an  
ordinance. Mr. Brown stated that he has for  
several years had pipes from his premises  
connected with the drains, as that a rule of the  
Board of Health prevented him from empty-  
ing the slops on his premises and he could  
make no other disposition of them, except to  
empty them into the drain. Mr. Brown urged  
on Council the necessity of a sewerage system  
of some kind, and hoped they would devise  
a plan to solve the question. On motion of  
Mr. Chandler action was postponed, and a  
special meeting of Council was appointed for  
the 17th instant at which the Board of  
Health shall be requested to be present for  
consultation.  
The Finance Committee reported that the  
Clerk's books for August had been examined  
and found correct, and that bills referred at  
last meeting had been approved.  
Mr. Hurst stated that Mr. Thomas Wilson  
of the Northwestern Railroad had told him  
that there is no gravel on the line of his road,  
but that they might obtain some from Camden  
by the Southern Railway.  
The License Tax Ordinance for 1901, which  
is identical to the same as the 1900 ordinance,  
and the Annual Tax Ordinance for the year  
beginning October 1st, were read and ordered  
published, under a resolution suspending the  
rule which requires two readings.  
A letter was read from Health Officer E. I.  
Reardon asking that his salary be increased  
from \$95 to \$40 per month. Accompanying  
the letter was a resolution of the City Board  
of Health amending the Rule V, Sec. 3, by  
making the Health Officer's salary \$45 per  
month, which they requested Council to ap-  
prove and ratify.  
Messrs. Epperson and Chandler moved to  
approve the amendment submitted. Messrs.  
Hurst and Purdy moved as a substitute that  
the increase be to \$40 instead of \$45, as Mr.  
Reardon, in addition to his salary as Health  
Officer, also receives \$15 per month as Sec-  
retary of the Board of Health. The substitute  
was lost and the previous motion adopted,  
thus raising Mr. Reardon's salary to \$50 per  
month, i. e., \$45 as Health Officer and \$5 as  
Secretary.  
Another communication from Health Of-  
ficer Reardon, dealing with the question of  
sewerage, was presented, but Council post-  
poned reading it until another meeting.  
Mr. H. L. Scarborough, Superintendent of  
the Sumter Water Co., was present and read  
a letter from his company in reference to de-  
ficient water pressure in western part of the  
city. The company showed wherein they had  
been liberal in their concessions to the city,  
and should not be blamed for the existing  
defect, as Council had not taken hydraulic as  
the contract required. They proposed, how-  
ever, that if Council would take one addi-  
tional hydrant at corner of Harby avenue  
and Republican street, they would put in 6  
inch main on Republican street from Church  
to New street, connecting with 4 inch pipe at  
that point. It was decided to accept this  
offer and an order was passed for the addi-  
tional hydrant.  
The Clerk stated that there had been no  
publication in pamphlet form of the city or-  
dinances since 1893, and consequently refer-  
ences to laws of the city were difficult.  
The ordinances were ordered printed in pamphlet  
form.  
The Mayor informed Council that some per-  
sons erecting telephone wires on Church  
Street had mutilated the shade trees, and  
asked what should be done. He was advised  
to issue warrants for the guilty parties and  
make an example of them.  
A letter from S. A. Schloss was presented,  
asking Council to make an offer for the lease  
of the Opera House, but it was decided to let  
the present arrangement stand.  
A request from Mr. William Yeadon for an  
electric light for Salem avenue (formerly  
New street) and Hayworth street was refer-  
red to the committee of public works.  
Mr. Purdy called attention to the poor  
condition of the apparatus of the Hook and  
Ladder Co., and the water was referred to  
the police and fire department committee.  
Mr. Epperson reported that in opening  
ditches to lay telephone pipes several water  
pipes that were found crossing the ditch would  
have to be lowered by means of couplings,  
and asked if the city should have the altera-  
tions made at public expense. Council  
thought the owners should do this, and the  
superintendent of streets was directed to so  
notify them. On their failure to do so, then  
to cut the pipe out of his way and plug the  
ends.  
The September report of the clerk and  
treasurer was referred to the finance com-  
mittee. Council then adjourned.

## Meeting of Board of Education.

The City Board of Education met yester-  
day afternoon at 5 o'clock, with Messrs.  
Moore, O'Donnell, Hayworth, Stuckey and  
Sept. Edmunds present.  
Mr. Edmunds read a letter from W. T.  
Andrews, principal of the Lincoln School in  
reference to tuition fees. As a result of this  
communication a resolution was adopted:  
That hereafter the tuition fees in that school  
be 75 cents per month for 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th  
grades and \$1 per month for 5th, 6th, 7th  
and 8th grades.  
2d. That the Secretary be instructed to  
communicate with Principal Andrews request-  
ing from him a list of those pupils living in  
District No. 1, so that the matter might be  
referred to District No. 1 for action.  
A letter was read from Miss M. H. Girard,  
teacher, requesting an increase of salary.  
The board decided to pay her an in-  
crease of \$5 per month.  
The application of Rev. W. R. A. Palmer  
to have his enrollment of his school reported  
monthly was referred to Mr. Edmunds and  
the County Superintendent of Education.

## Tuition and Contingent Fees.

Some people have a misconception of the  
action of the City Board of Education in fix-  
ing the tuition to be charged non-resident  
pupils who attend Lincoln Graded School.  
Tuition fees are collected from pupils who are  
not residents of this city and from no others.  
There are a few pupils attending the school  
who live in the country and the rule of the  
board applies to these pupils only. No  
charge was made in the contingent fee re-  
quired of all pupils and it remains the same  
as it has been for several years.

## QUESTION ANSWERED.

Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale  
of any medicine in the civilized world. Your  
mothers and grandmothers never thought of  
using anything else for indigestion or bilious-  
ness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom  
heard of appendicitis, nervous prostration or  
heart failure, etc. They used August Flower  
to clean out the system and stop fermentation  
of undigested food, regulate the action of the  
liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action  
of the system, and that is all they took when  
feeling dull and bad with headaches and other  
aches. You only need a few doses of Green's  
August Flower, in liquid form, to make you satis-  
fied there is nothing out there the matter with  
you. Prescribed by A. S. Child.

## Wedgefield News.

Wedgefield, Oct. 16.—The cotton crop is  
about harvested here and most of it has been  
sold.

I expect it would cause "uneasiness" at  
Bryan campaign headquarters if it was known he  
would lose some votes in the democratic  
town of Wedgfield.

Agents for the American Bible Publish-  
ing Co., are in town this week, and are tak-  
ing the last \$6.50 from lots of the colored  
families. Cotton picking is over, it looks  
like they can't resist taking anything on  
time in the summer. They will take off over  
\$800 from here.

Dr. F. M. Dwight has moved back to his  
winter home.

We were glad to see Miss Eric Wilson our  
assistant teacher at her post on Monday and  
looking so well.

Very few peas and corn have been offered  
for sale so far. These two crops are very short.

Golden Rod is in bloom, and droves of  
black birds are seen around which is a sign  
of an early fall and frost.

## DOCK.

During the winter of 1897 Mr. James Reed,  
one of the leading citizens and merchants of  
Olay, Clay Co., W. Va., struck his leg against  
a cake of ice in such a manner as to bruise it  
severely. It became very much swollen and  
pained him so badly that he could not walk  
without the aid of crutches. He was treated  
by physicians, also used several kinds of lin-  
iment and two and a half gallons of whiskey  
in bathing it, but nothing gave any relief  
until he began using Chamberlain's Pain  
Balm. This brought almost a complete cure  
in a week's time and he believes that had he  
not used this remedy his leg would have had  
to be amputated. Pain Balm is unequalled  
for sprains, bruises and rheumatism. For  
sale by Dr. A. J. China.

## A Tenor Kivaling Jean de Reszke.

On Monday night, October 29th, Sydney  
Woodward, the famous colored tenor, will  
sing in the Opera House, and the people of  
Sumter will have an opportunity of hearing  
a tenor whose voice is surpassed only by that  
of Jean de Reszke.

Madam Barbot, the highest musical author-  
ity in Charleston, gave the following state-  
ment to the News and Courier for publication  
a few weeks ago, just prior to a Woodward  
concert given for the benefit of the Galveston  
sufferers:

"I have heard this remarkable tenor three  
times and on each occasion I have been more  
anxious to hear him again. When I first  
heard him I was charmed with his delicious  
voice, but I then thought it might be the re-  
sult of novelty in listening to a colored  
singer. But on the two subsequent occasions  
I found out that it was the true merit in the  
singer that impressed me. His voice has a  
wide range and is under perfect control. His  
style and manner are easy without affectation.  
I have no hesitation in saying that he is the  
greatest tenor I have ever heard and I wish you  
would let this be known. The lovers of  
music should not miss this concert and the  
place in which he sings should be packed on  
Monday night. The cause for which he sings  
should also be another inducement to attract  
a large audience."

Madame Barbot added this: "A musical  
critic with whom I am intimate, and to  
whose judgment I defer greatly, told me that  
of all the famous singers heard in the Opera  
House in New York last season, with the  
exception of Jean de Reszke, this tenor ex-  
celled them all."

Barton Levan and other local talent will  
assist in the concert.

## Decision in Garret-Weinberg Case.

The following synopsis of the decision of  
the supreme court in the Garret-Weinberg  
case, which was reported for the Columbia  
State by John S. Reynolds, Esq., of the Col-  
umbia bar, will be of interest to quite a  
number of our readers:

John A. Garret et al., appellants, v. Rosa  
Weinberg et al., respondents.—Evidence.  
Grounds of appeal. Form of exceptions.  
Constitutional requirements.

This was an action for the partition of real  
estate. The defendants setting up title, the  
case was tried by a jury, his honor Judge  
Aldrich presiding. The verdict being for the  
defendants, and a motion for a new trial hav-  
ing been overruled, the plaintiffs appealed  
from the judgment thereon entered.

The sole purpose of a question asked a  
witness being to elicit testimony showing the  
insolvency of a party, such testimony was  
admissible. General reputation is one of the  
modes of establishing the fact of insolvency.

Questions to a witness, whether he "ever  
knew" a certain party "to have any prop-  
erty" and whether such party had "any other  
property besides" the land in dispute were  
properly ruled incompetent, as the manner in  
which appellants thus attempted to show  
ownership of such land is not one of the  
modes recognized in this State. But the  
error, if any, was harmless error, since the  
witness answered the first question in the  
negative, and such answer was not stricken  
out—the answer really preceding the objec-  
tion of counsel.

The admission of evidence of certain judg-  
ment rolls (appellants contending that the  
judgments had been fully paid) so far as it  
involved a question of fact is not the subject  
of review by this court. But if there was  
error in such admission it did not prejudice  
the rights of the appellants.

The record failing to disclose the fact that  
the appellants insisted upon the exclusion of  
certain records in former actions between the  
parties hereto (such actions resulting in non-  
suits for failure to give security for costs)  
the admission of such records in evidence was  
not error of law.

The supreme court, in former appeals here  
in, did not undertake to decide any questions  
of fact arising out of the issue of title, but  
only to rule upon the questions of law pre-  
sented for its consideration. The presiding  
judge evidently did not intend to exclude  
from the consideration of the jury any evi-  
dence offered upon a former trial, which was  
properly introduced on the trial before him.

If in stating the issues raised by the plead-  
ings the presiding judge made a mistake, his  
attention should have been called to it if it  
was to be made a ground of appeal.

Under section 8 of article 5 of the consti-  
tution parties to a cause are not entitled to  
the opinion or judgment of the supreme court  
upon any point "made and distinctly stated  
in the cause, and fairly arising upon the  
record of the case." For this court to under-  
take to formulate the exceptions, sub-divisions  
and branches of such divisions, so as to state  
distinctly the points which appellants claim  
arise upon the record of the case would im-  
pose upon the court a duty not contemplated  
by the constitution, especially as the supreme  
court is required to file decisions within 60  
days from the last day of the court at which  
the case was argued.

Twenty seven cents pays. Bring your  
Cotton Seed to W. B. Boyle.

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Cotton Seed Meal and Hulls and stock of  
all kinds for sale by W. B. Boyle.

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Highest cash price paid for Cotton Seed,  
W. B. Boyle.

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